

Private Letter

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My Dear Sir, I am in search of information which I think you can give me a clue to. The Southern papers & their northern "Conservative" allies are demanding a repeal of all the northern State laws for preventing Kidnapping, as a peace offering. They seem to have forgotten the offensive laws of the South. It is now 20 years or more, since I began to read the Liberator & Standard & sometime within that 20 years I have seen a statement that the law to imprison colored seamen was pronounced unconstitutional as it clearly is. The matter



was described when John  
Quincy Adams was Secy  
of State under Monroe,  
if I recollect the history. Can  
you inform me about it, or  
where I can find the partic-  
ulars of the case. My reason  
for asking is, that I want to  
prepare an article, showing the  
aggressive laws of the south  
previous to the passage of the  
fugitive Slave Law. If by publica-  
tion in the Liberator, or by letter,  
you can furnish me the  
information, or the means to  
obtain it, you will greatly oblige  
Your Friend

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